

Welcome to the Legislative Update for September 5, 2014

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's older citizens and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The **Legislative Update** is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

NOTE: Between sessions, we offer a monthly issue with a focus on information and resources at the local and national level.

General Election coming November 4th

Arizona's general election is November 4th and the last day to register to vote is October 6th.
Online voter registration: <http://servicearizona.com/voterRegistration>

General Ballot Measures

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/2014/general/ballotmeasures.htm>

Ballot Analyses

<http://azleg.gov/BallotMeasureAnalyses.asp>

2014 Ballot Measure Town Hall Meeting Schedule is posted [here](#).

Primary Election [results](#)

Fiscal News

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights August 2014 is linked [here](#) and reports "July marked the 4th consecutive month of failing to meet the budget projection."

Tracking Arizona's Recovery August 2014 is posted [here](#).

Share your thoughts at any time! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you can voice your opinions by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix, 520-628-6580 in Tucson and in-state toll free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)
- Or the **legislator from your area**. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature website** and looking for: **How do I find My Legislators** or by opening the links highlighted below.
- [Members of the House](#)
- [Members of the Senate](#)

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website linked [here](#).

Plan ahead now for the next session!

Learn more about the legislative process. See [Arizona Bill](#) or **Bill to Law** provided [here](#).

Learn about the budget process at: <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>

Review the Arizona Constitution at: <http://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>

Tracking List

You can access the FULL LIST of all bills tracked by the Council during the last session by opening one of the past issues of the **Legislative Update** posted on this [webpage](#).

Do note the web report information found in any of our tracking lists is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*. Please be advised that the presence of a bill on any of our tracking lists **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging to the bill. It **does** mean that the topic is something that may be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

S.2742

Improving Access to Social Security Services Act

Introduced on 7/31/2014 by Senator Charles E. Schumer (NY)
Text provided [here](#)

On 7/31/2014, S.2742 was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2763

Older Americans CARE Act

Introduced on 7/31/2014 by Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)

A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to create a collaborative network with a single point of entry for services and supports, to improve programs to prevent elder financial exploitation, to create a community care wrap-around support demonstration program, and to create a national campaign to raise awareness of the aging network and promote advance integrated long-term care planning, and for other purposes.

7/31/2014, the bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.4885

Social Impact Bond Act

Introduced on 6/18/2014 by Representative Todd C. Young (IN-9)

Text provided [here](#)

On 6/18/2014, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.5287

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for expenses for household and elder care services necessary for gainful employment.

Introduced on 7/30/2014 by Representative Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Text provided [here](#)

7/30/2014, referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Updates on earlier legislation

H.R.5304

Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2014

Introduced on 7/31/2014 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

Text of the bill provided [here](#).

On 8/1/2014, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging

July 30, 2014 Hearing: ***Admitted or Not? The Impact of Medicare Observation Status on Seniors*** is linked [here](#).

All Special Committee on Aging hearings linked [here](#).

If you want to check on the status of any federal legislation, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

Check for **active federal legislation** at this [link](#).

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your

congressional representatives or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS & RESOURCES

From **Kaiser Health News**

[Replacing An Ambulance with a Station Wagon](#)

Capsules/The KHN Blog linked [here](#).

From the **National Council on Aging/NCOA**

Reverse Mortgage information [here](#)

2014 National Fall Prevention Awareness Day resources:

[Fact Sheet](#)

[Infographic](#)

[6 Steps to Protect Your Older Loved One](#)

[Myths of Older Adult Falls](#)

Grandparents Day is September 7th

Information from Generations United: <http://grandparentsday.org/takeaction/>

National Alzheimer's Project Act

Updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. (Be sure to scroll down the page.)

Link to the 2013-2014 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report at
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/#agencies>

The Sloan Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

Fact of the Week

Social Security has established a National Disability Coalition:
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ndc/index.htm>

Social Security [website](#)

From **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday Updates 9.5.2014

Profile America Facts for Features: September 7 is National Grandparents Day

This year, National Grandparents Day falls on September 7. This day celebrates and honors every grandparent in the US. In 1970, Marian McQuade initiated a campaign to establish a day to honor grandparents. President Jimmy Carter signed a federal proclamation in 1978, declaring the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. Here is a list of facts related to grandparents:

- 7.1 million - The number of grandparents whose grandchildren under 18 years old were living with them in 2012.
- 5.6 million - The number of children under age 18 living with a grandparent householder in 2012.
- 674,936 - The number of grandparents who had a disability and were responsible for their grandchildren.
- 495,946 - The number of foreign-born grandparents responsible for their own grandchildren under age 18.
- 2.8 million - The number of children living with both grandmother and grandfather in 2013.

[Click here](#) for more facts about grandparents from the US Census.

Friday Updates 8.22.2014

Stateline Reports on Senior Financial Exploitation

Stateline, a production of The PEW Charitable Trusts, posted an article discussing the threat of financial scams that target senior citizens. The article notes that such instances are likely under-reported and that there is no central repository for tracking occurrences. However, the reporters note that state legislatures are increasingly introducing and passing legislation that addresses these issues. According to the article, this type of legislation was introduced in over half of the states during 2014.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Friday Updates 8.15.2014

New Resource: Poverty and Opportunity Profile of Seniors

The National Senior Citizens Law Center recently released a new resource on seniors and poverty. The resource, *Seniors: Poverty and Opportunity Profile*, reported that 15 percent of American seniors aged 65 and older are living in poverty, with a disproportionate number of whom are women and people of color. The resource also reported that nearly 20 percent of seniors are economically vulnerable. Based on these facts, it is critical to provide proper assistance and support to combat poverty and economic security for today and tomorrow's seniors.

[Click here](#) to view the resource.

Washington Post Publishes NASUAD's Letter to the Editor

On August 4, 2014, the Washington Post ran a story on elder abuse entitled, [**Elderly woman in Va. cheated out of savings by lawyer she trusted, family alleges**](#). In response, NASUAD submitted a letter to the Editors of the Washington Post, highlighting the prevalence of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The letter calls upon Congress to fulfill the promise of the Elder Justice Act by fully funding its programs and establishing a national system to protect those who are no longer able to protect themselves. NASUAD is pleased to inform you that the letter was published this week.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

Veteran Crisis Line

<http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

From the **Supreme Court, State of Arizona**

Law for Veterans new website linked [here](#).

From Professional Healthcare Institute/PHI

Workforce Facts

From the **National Eye Institute**

National Eye Health Education Program webinar on September 10th at 11:00 a.m. EDT
Educating Older Americans About Their Aging Eyes

Register [here](#).

From **AARP Public Policy Institute**

Family Caregivers Providing Complex Chronic Care to People with Cognitive and Behavioral Health Conditions linked [here](#).

In case you missed it:

From the **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ)**

Elder Justice Roadmap: A Stakeholder Initiative to Respond to an Emerging Health, Justice, Financial and Social Crisis is provided [here](#).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: Selecting Arizona's Priorities - Live Broadcast on Selecting the Arizona State Health Improvement Plan's Priorities

WHEN: September 17, 2014, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Click [here for more information](#).

WHAT: Candidate Forum for Arizona Families

WHEN: September 30, 2014, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Virginia G. Piper Sports & Fitness Center, 5031 E. Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85034

More information [here](#)

WHAT: Arizona Suicide Prevention Coalition 7th Annual Hope Conference

WHEN: October 9 & 10, 2014, 8:00 to 4:30 p.m., Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85021

More information [here](#)

WHAT: Aging - If It's Not Your Issue, It Will Be, Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG Area Agency on Aging Region III

WHEN: Thursday, October 16, 2014, 8:00 am to 5 pm, High Country Conference Center, 201 W Butler, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Conference website is linked [here](#).

NACOG [website](#)

WHAT: Arizona Bridge to Independent Living/ABIL Independent Living Resource Fair

WHEN: Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Disability Empowerment Center, Virginia G. Piper Sports & Fitness Center, 5025 E Washington, Phoenix AZ 85034

More information [here](#)

WHAT: AARP Free Brain Health Event Training the Grownup Brain

WHEN: Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Glendale Civic Center, 5750 Glenn Drive, Glendale AZ

NOTE: **Registration is required**, call 1-877-926-8300 to register.

More information [here](#)

WHAT: ASU Lodestar Center 22nd Annual Nonprofit Conference on Sustainability Strategies

WHEN: November 5, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix AZ

More information [here](#)

Mark your calendar

Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE) coming **November 7, 2014** at the Phoenix Convention Center from 9 am to 4 pm.

Go to: www.vrate.org

WHAT: AARP Phoenix Free Shred-A-Thon

WHEN: Saturday, November 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Black Canyon Conference Center in Phoenix

Also: **AARP Fraud Watch Network Event** *Learn How to Protect Yourself from ID Theft &*

Fraud

Thursday, **November 13, 2014**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Black Canyon Conference Center,
9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85021

Note: **Registration is required.** Click [here for more information](#)

Just in case you're interested

Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov. (Please note: we try to include resources and events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including fundraising or marketing materials.)

We appreciate your patience with the newsletter's formatting issues.

Thank you! Enjoy your weekend.

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



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